

## **State Advisory Committee (SAC) For Children with Disabilities**

*Advising the NH Department of Education per RSA 186-C:3-b*

**September 16, 2016 – 9:00 am to 2:30 pm**

**Plymouth State University 2 Pillsbury Street Concord, NH 5<sup>th</sup> floor (Different Location)**

### **AGENDA**

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| <p>9:00 – Welcome, Ice Breaker, Introductions, Overview of the Day</p> <p>9:30 – Approval of Minutes, Public Comment, Nominations</p> <p>9:45 – Legislator/Legislative Update</p> <p>10:00 – “State of the State” Report/Update from the Santina Thibedeau, State Director for the Bureau of Special Education</p> <p>11:30 – Recap of Last Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribution of SAC Report</li><li>• Update of the School Board Meeting</li><li>• Further Discussion of Building Public Awareness of SAC</li></ul> <p>12:30 – 1:00 —Lunch</p> <p>1:00 - Final review of by-laws</p> <p>1:30 – Professional Development for SAC Member old and new</p> <p>1:45 – New priorities moving forward</p> <p>2:15 – Old Business, New Business, New/Emerging Issues, Public Comment</p> <p>2:30– Adjourn – <i>next meeting Oct 5, 2016</i></p> | <p><b><u>Meeting Norms</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Avoid acronyms (e.g. explain agency roles &amp; responsibilities)</li><li>▪ No sidebar conversations</li><li>▪ All members feel comfortable to ask questions</li><li>▪ Respect group time (keep meetings to 2½ hours)</li><li>▪ Be mindful of others’ communication needs</li><li>▪ Be “present”. Stay on topic, be respectful of others</li><li>▪ Protect agenda time for sub-committee work</li><li>▪ Allow for processing time before asking members to make decisions (check in)</li><li>▪ Be welcoming of all public participation</li><li>▪ Focus group efforts on SAC responsibilities</li></ul> |
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#### **The State Advisory Committee's responsibilities include the following.**

- Advise the New Hampshire Department of Education regarding unmet needs within the state related to the education of children/students with disabilities.
- Provide an annual report to the Governor and the State Legislature on the status of education of children with disabilities in New Hampshire.
- Comment publicly on the state plan and rules and regulations proposed for issuance by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities.
- Assist the state in developing and reporting such information and evaluations as may assist the US Secretary of Education in the performance of responsibilities under Section 618 of the Individuals with Disabilities Act.
- Advise the Department of Education in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in federal monitoring reports.
- Advise the Department of Education in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children/students with disabilities.

SAC has also identified as a priority issue – Advise the Department of Education on the education of eligible children with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons.

Additionally, in accordance with §300.514 of IDEA, findings and decisions of due process hearings are to be transmitted to the SAC, after any personally identifiable information has been deleted.

Special Education Due Process Hearings and Alternative Dispute Resolutions: [http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/special\\_ed\\_due\\_process.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/legislation/special_ed_due_process.htm)